

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 21 OF THE CITY CODE,
ENTITLED "TREES AND VEGETATION-PUBLIC LANDS," TO MODIFY
THE TITLE OF THE CHAPTER TO MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBE
THE CONTENTS AND TO AMEND SECTION 21-12 THEREOF,
ENTITLED "REMOVAL OF TREES DECLARED PUBLIC SAFETY
HAZARDS" TO MODIFY THE TIME REQUIREMENT FOR
REMOVING TREES WHICH ENDANGER THE PUBLIC

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg, in public meeting assembled, that Chapter 21 of the City Code, Section 21-12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 21

TREES AND VEGETATION [-PUBLIC LANDS]

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Sec. 21-12. Removal of Trees Declared Public Safety Hazards.

The city manager or his designee has the authority to order the removal of trees or shrubs on private property which endanger the life, health, safety or property of the public. Removal shall be done by said owners at their own expense [within sixty (60) days after the date of service of notice]. In the event of failure of owners to comply with such provisions, the city shall have the authority to remove such trees and charge the costs of removal to the owner. In addition, the costs and expenses or correcting the violation may be assessed as a lien against the subject property and be collected in the same manner as property taxes [on the owner's property tax notice].

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ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2002 by the City Council of Gaithersburg, Maryland.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and
President of the Council

DELIVERED to the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg, Maryland, this _____ day of _____, 2002. APPROVED/VETOED by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg, this _____ day of _____, 2002.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance as adopted by the City Council of Gaithersburg, in public meeting assembled, on the _____ day of _____, 2002, and that the same was approved/vetoed by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg on the _____ day of _____, 2002. This Ordinance will become effective on the _____ day of _____, 2002.

DAVID B. HUMPTON, CITY MANAGER